



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2544-052]

Hydro Technology, Inc; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On December 27, 2021, Hydro Technology, Inc filed an application for a subsequent license to continue operating the existing 1,200-kilowatt Meyers Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2544 (Meyers Falls Project or project). The project is located on the Colville River in Stevens County, Washington. The project does not occupy Federal land.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on March 28, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare a draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Meyers Falls Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone

Target Date

Commission issues Draft EA

January 2024

Comments on Draft EA

February 2024

Commission issues Final EA

May 2024¹

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Maryam Zavareh at (202) 502-8474 or maryam.zavareh@ferc.gov.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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¹ The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the Federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Meyers Falls Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the Final EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.